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July 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison and City Council

FROM: Garrett White, Recreation Manager, MPR Dept.

RE: Proposed Care Enough to Share Resolution Update

Background

The Care Enough to Share program provides financial assistance for children up to 18 years of age who are interested in participating in Meridian Parks and Recreation Department activities. This program was established 24 years ago (Fall of 1999) with the most recent update to the resolution in 2008. Currently, families residing within the City of Meridian that qualify can receive assistance for up to 80% of an activity fee, with a maximum of \$150 per year/per child.

Since the last update in 2008, program registration fees have increased in such a way that the eligible \$150 per child does not go as far. In 2008, one week of summer day camp was \$84 per child. Today summer day camp is \$125 per child. The Department would like to increase the maximum amount per child to an amount equivalent to two weeks of summer camp (\$250). The Care Enough to Share fund balance will support this increase.

Objective

To increase the maximum funds available per child from \$150 to an amount equivalent to two weeks of summer day camp (e.g. Camp Mer-IDA-Moo or similar programming), per the City Fee Schedule. Using the equivalent of two weeks of summer camp would push the maximum funds available per child to \$250 and would also allow for increases as they occur without updating the resolution in the future.